MR. CHAIRMAN: He is trying to answer. (*Interruptions*).

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA: Sir, I can assure the august House... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA: Sir, I can assure the august House that as far as the cases of those women who are in extreme distress are concerned the Government will certainly consider those special cases. That is the assurance I can give to the hon. Members. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: What is the specification they require? (*Interruptions*). What are the specifications which they require? (*Interruptions*). Do the educated unemployed women come under it? Does the widow of an ex-servicemen come under it? (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir,... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him answer.

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA: Sir, as far as Shrimati Renuka's question is concerned, there is a clear-cut guideline. It says, "The immediate next of kin, i.e. widow, parents, children of those who lost their lives in abnormal circumstances and individual cases of extreme hardship." We will certainly take such cases into consideration. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Sir, unless we are widows... (*Interruptions*). Sir, we have to be widows before we ... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister has said that he will consider such cases. (*Interruptions*). The Minister is answering.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: What is the root cause of our problems? (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Let him say something.

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA: Sir, I would welcome suggestions from the hon. lady Members. They can send the proposals to us. We will certainly look into those proposals.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 785. (*Interruptions*). That question is over.

STD/ISD/FAX at Hazrat Nizammuddin Railway Station

*785. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facility of STD/ISD/PCO/FAX has been provided by the Northern Railway at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway station;

(b) if so, what is the number and other details thereof;

(c) whether Governmen have received complaints from Members of Parliament in this matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) At present, two manned PCO booths out of which one having STD facility and seven coin operated telephones are available at Nizamuddin station. Action has also been initiated to provide one more telephone booth having STD facility.

(c) and (d) Northern Railway have examined the complaints and replies explaining the position have been sent.

श्री जगदानन्द सिंह : सभापति महोदय, मंत्री जी क्या बोले वह हम तो सुन ही नहीं पाए, लेकिन मेरा पहला सप्लीमेंटरी है कि अगर वहां ये सुविधाएं नहीं हैं तो सुविधा प्रदान करने के बारे में उनकी क्या कार्यवाही होगी ? दूसरी बात है इस संबंध में सांसदों ने कोई अगर शिकायत की है तो उनकी शिकायत पर उन्होंने कौन सी कार्यवाही की ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Ganga Action Plan

*782. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Ganga Action Plan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the declared objectives of the Ganga Action Plan have been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the amount spent under the Plan so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) The Ganga Action Plan in Uttar Pradesh has been taken up in two phases. While the first phase covers the main stem of the river, the tributaries, namely, Yamuna and Gomti are covered in the second phase. The first phase is nearing completion and the work on the second phase has begun recently. The river water quality has shown significant improvement wherever the schemes, specially interception and diversion and treatment plants, have been commissioned.

The details are laid on the Table of the House as per statement

Statement

(1) *Category wise schemes sanctioned and completed under the Ganga Action Plan Phase I in Uttar Pradesh*

Category of Schemes	No. Sanctioned	No. Completed
1. Interception & Diversion	40	40
2. Sewage Treatment Plants	13	
3. Low Cost Sanitation	14	1
4. Electric Crematoria	3	3
5. River Front Facilities	8	8
Other Schemes	28	28
Total :	106	102